

Community Information:

Flood Preparedness

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The Milwaukee County Office of the Sheriff Emergency Management Bureau urges residents to take steps now to prepare themselves before seasonal floods strike. Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States and the spring months bring unique risks. For information on individual and family preparedness for natural disasters, please visit the American Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.org/> and click on "Preparedness".

The Emergency Management Bureau is monitoring area waterways in the County and although the National Weather Service has not issued a flood watch for Milwaukee County, residents are encouraged to be ready to react to changing conditions. Spring weather brings rapid snowmelt; also severe storms and heavy rainfall increase the likelihood of flooding. The National Weather Service website allows for access to river monitoring data at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/mkx/> and then click on the "Rivers and Lakes" tab.

Residents are reminded that protecting themselves from flooding includes removing valuables from flood prone areas.

SAFETY ON THE ROAD: TURN AROUND - DON'T DROWN

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. Why? The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept away by moving water. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people drive into standing water or continue to drive around barriers that warn a road is flooded. Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded area use caution, **Turn Around - Don't Drown**. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the condition of the road under the water.

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